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A Movement of Certain Politicians.

Wilmington Messenger.)

There is a movement among a certain set of politicians in Washington and elsewhere to set aside Colonel W. J. Bryan as the democratic nominee for the presidency, and instead nominate Hon. John W. Daniel, of Virginia. Gold correspondents and gold newspapers are moving in this hostile movement against Colonel Bryan, whom they have bitterly agonized for years. The Messenger is not an advocate or organ of candidates. It is loyal to the party, has never kicked, and supports the candidates when nominated in due form. It has not insisted that Bryan must be nominated in 1900, but all the reliable and potent signs look that way. Tammany has just declared for him and will rally to his standard if he is again nominated. He is clearly the choice of perhaps 90 per cent. of those who worked for him and voted for him in 1896. They gave him 6 500,000 votes, more than Cleveland ever received although twice chosen president, and three times nominated there for.

Democracy's Bright Prospects.

Kinston Free Press.

The executive committee of the Democratic national committee, in session at Chicago last week, figured out the situation as follows:

There are 18 states which are Democratic anyhow, the Republicans having no chance to carry any one of them—Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia. These states have 162 electoral votes.

There are four states which are surely Democratic in a national fight, they being now nominally Republican—Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky and Wyoming—their strength in the electoral column being 29.

There are five states which are comparatively easy for the Democrats to carry next year—Indiana, West Virginia, Washington, California and South Dakota, 38 electoral votes.

All these states together have 229 electoral votes, or a majority of the electoral college. Then there are four other states the Democrats ought to carry if they expect to carry anything next year—Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota and Illinois, with Wisconsin as a strong probablity.

Government by the Judiciary.

Clinton Democrat.

It seems that our non partisan judiciary has gone Republican.

Some of the most important acts of the late Democratic Legislature were declared null and void by the Supreme Court last week.

Opinions were handed down in all the cases involving title to office. In addition to declaring Dr. D. H. Abbott a member of the Corporation Commission in place of E. C. Beddingfield, other decisions were handed down as follows:

The new school law was upset. The members of the old county school boards of education, all fusionists, elected under the act of 1897, were declared the legal school officers in the counties and not boards of school directors created by the General Assembly of 1899.

Theophilus White, Populist, was reinstated as shell fish commissioner, succeeding Chief Inspector Hill, Democrat, who was elected by the Legislature of 1899

McCall, Republican, was declared solicitor of the Western criminal district, save in the counties which the legislature of 1899 added to the district.

The opinion of the court is written by Judge Furches. A strong dissenting opinion is written by Judge Walter Clark.

What Trusts Cost the Farmers.

Asheville Citizen.

The farmers of the United States are contributing to the great prosperity of trusts. Note the following increase in prices:

Salt, 100 per cent.; barbed wire, 115 per cent.; lumber 33½ per cent.; nails, 100 per cent.; iron pipe, 115 per cent; iron castings, 100 per cent; rolled oats, 33 per cent.; carpet tacks. 60 per cent.

The Whole State will Co-operate with Fayetteville.

Raleigh News and Observer.)

The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce is moving to secure Congressional action looking to the improvement of the Cape Fear River from Fayetteville to Wilmington. This is timely. For many years water transportation by the Cape Fear made Fayetteville the first business centre of the State. With its new manufacturing interests and the fact that three railroads are each looking to make Fayetteville their Eastern terminus, the improvement of the Cape Fear becomes a matter of great importance in which the whole State will co-operate with Fayetteville.

The Seven Most Progressive Towns.

Greensboro Record.

Of the 293 incorporations issued by the Secretary of State for 1897 and 1898 as given in the list in Raleigh Post, the following towns have the most to their credit:

Greensboro, 1897, 9 companies, $218,900; 1898, 12 companies, $379 800.
Charlotte, 1897, 12, 301,000; 1898, 14, 262,000.
Asheville, 1897, 9, 117,200; 1898, 6, 115 000.
Wilmington, 1897, 6 68,000; 1898, 7, 157 000.
Fayetteville, 1897, 1, 50,000; 1898, 6, 125,000.
Raleigh, 1897, 6, 66,000; 1898, 5, 48,000.
Winston, 1897, 6, 171,500; 1898, 2, 17,000.

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Death of Gen. Robert B. Vance.

An Asheville telegram to the Raleigh News and Observer says:

General Robert B. Vance died at his home this morning (Tuesday) after a lingering illness. He will be buried with Masonic honors Thursday afternoon. General Vance was a brother of Senator Zebulon Baird Vance.

The first news of General Vance's death was received here yesterday afternoon by a telegram to Mr. John C. Drewry, Grand Master A. F & A. M., from Mr. J. H. Drakeford, W. M. The telegram said: "Past Grand Master Robert Brank Vance died this (Tuesday) morning, and he will be buried Thursday afternoon at Asheville, with Masonic honors."

Gen. Robert Brank Vance was a brother of Senator Zebulon Baird Vance. He was born in Buncombe county on April 28 h, 1828, and was named for Dr. Robert B. Vance, who was killed in a duel with Samuel P. Carson, October, 1827, at Saluda mountain, S. C.

In 1848 he was elected clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Buncombe county. This position he held for eight years, then declined re election to enter the mercantile business in Asheville.

When the war broke out he raised a company, Buncombe Life Guards, and was elected captain of it. Then when ten companies were mustered at Asheville he was elected colonel. This was the 29th North Carolina regiment. Colonel Vance commanded it at the battle of Murfreesboro and in several engagements at Cumberland Gap. His horse was killed under him at Murfreesboro, and he was complimented for gallantry by General McCown.

In 1863 Colonel Vance fell ill with fever and his regiment was sent to Mississippi. He never commanded it again. While ill with fever he was commissioned Brigadier General by President Davis. When, several months later, he returned to the service he was assigned to duty in Western North Carolina, and in January, 1864, was captured in Cook county, Tennessee by the Federal troops. He was kept in prison the rest of the war, first at Nashville, then at Louisville, Camp Chase and lastly at Fort Delaware.

General Vance served in Congress continuously from 1872 to 1882. At the Congressional convention at Asheville in 1884, he declined a re-nomination, withdrawing his name.

On April 11th, 1885, the President appointed him Assistant Commissioner of Patents, which position he held for several years.

He has served several terms here in the Legislature—the last in 1893. After that he retired to private life and has devoted himself to his farm and his books.

General Vance was twice elected Grand Master of the Masons in North Carolina, and he has also been several times honored by his church—the M. E Church South. He has been many times a delegate to the General Conference. In 1875 he was one of the Cape May Commission that settled the property question between the M. G. Church and the M. E. Church, South. The College of Bishops also appointed him a delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference in London in 1881.

A life full of labor and of honors.

VACANCIES IN THE A. & M. COLLEGE

Entrance Examinations to be Held in the County Court-house at Raleigh December 16, 1899.

Young men desiring to enter the A. & M. College at Raleigh may be examined Saturday, December 16, 1899, at the County Court house of this county, at 10 o'clock a. m., by the County Superintendent of Schools. The subjects of examination are Arithmetic (complete), Algebra (to fractions), English Grammar and American History.

There will probably be about twenty-five vacancies in the College, and young men will be selected to fill these vacancies who pass the best examinations and have the best endorsement as to character. This is a rare opportunity for worthy boys to fit themselves for success in life by means of a practical education. Those desiring to be admitted would do well to write to President Winston, Raleigh, N. C.

Campbellton School Report.

Committee of Campbellton School, Fayetteville, N. C.:

Inclosed find report for the second scholastic month, ending November 28th, 1899. During the month there were enrolled seventy one (71) pupils; males 36, females 35, of which 29 were thought worthy of being on the roll of honor.

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THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Details of the recent operations in South Africa are interesting. Says a London cable of Thursday to the New York Herald:

The War Office is today beginning to receive a list of the British losses in the terrible battle of Modder river last Tuesday.

The totals have not been made public, but it is known that General Methuen, the British commander, was wounded. A number of other officers were shot.

There is no news of the further advance of General Methuen's column. It is thought here that he halted today to get fresh ammunition and reinforcements. As soon as these arrive he may be trusted to continue his advance despite the wound he has received.

In the meantime the Boers may have been able to bring up fresh commandoes. Probably another oostinate battle will have to be fought before Kimberly is reached.

Before the advance is continued it is clear that the Modder river will have to be bridged, as the British are still on the south side of it. To repair the rail way will be impossible with the resources at Methuen's command, Passing the troops across pontoon bridges will necessarily be slow.

British military experts say more men are clearly needed in all directions. Methuen's column is still weak In Natal General Buller's relief force is not considered too large, while Generals French and Gatacre have only small detachments to operate in a difficult country—Northern Cape Colony.

Lord Wolseley announced tonight that the War Office had decided to call out another division of 10,000 men of all arms for South Africa. This is the seventh division mobilized since the beginning of the war.

The British relief force for Lady smith is now concentrated at Frere, and the Boers are moving towards Colenso. The great Boer stand will undoubtedly be made at the Tugela river. A battle may be expected there at any moment. The British force available is about 18 000 men. The Boers might put 20,000 men in line.

Mafeking was safe up to November 24th.

BRITISH OFFICERS SHOT.

It is officially announced that General Methuen was among those wounded at the battle of Modder river. A bullet inflicted a flesh wound in his leg

The British losses in the battle, as so far made public, include the following:

Killed—Staff Colonel H. P. Northcott; Lieut. Col. H. R. Stopford, Second Coldstream Guards; Capt. S. Earle, Second Coldstream Guards; Lieutenant Long, Second Yorkshire.

Wounded—Major W. Lindsay, Capt. Farrell, Lieut. Dunlop, Lieut. Furse, Major Count Gleichen, Lieut. the Hon. E H. Lygon, Lieut. Viscount Acheson, Capt. G. A. Moore, Capt. Von Hugel, Lieut. Travers, Lieut. Elwes, Lieut. Hill, Lieut. Flint, Major Earle, Major Ottley, Lieut. Fox, Lieut. Baker Carr, Lieut. Neilson.

General Buller cables: "The casualties among the officers of the Ninth Brigade and the men of the division will follow." This shows that the list of officers killed and wounded is only partial as yet, and no report of the losses among the men has been made public.

QUEEN'S RELATIVE WOUNDED.

Major Count Gleichen who, as stated in the preceding dispatch, was wounded in the battle of Modder river, is a relative of Queen Victoria.

He is a major of the Grenadier Guards and is the eldest son of the late Prince Victor of Hohenlohe-Langenburg. The Count took part in the Nile expedition, 1884-85, was attached to Sir West Ridgeway's mission to Morocco, 1893; did special service in the Soudan in 1896 and was attached to the Rodd mission to Abyssinia in 1897. He has been a staff captain in the Intelligence Division of the London War Office since 1895.

Of the killed in the battle Colonel Northcott took part in the Soudan expedition, West Africa, in 1883, where he was desperately wounded. He also served in Zulu war, the Ashantee expedition and the Karagwe expedition, 1898, for which he was made a Companion of the Bath. Recently he had commanded in the northern gold coast territories.

Lieutenant-Colonel Stopford, who was also killed, had not previously seen active service.

ADMIRES BOER COURAGE.

That General Methuen anticipated dogged resistance on his northward march is shown by the speech which he made to his troops November 27 after the battle of Gras Pan, full reports of which have just arrived here.

After reading a telegram from Governor Milner, congratulating the troops and sympathizing with the wounded, General Methuen personally congratulated the men on the work done, and expressed appreciation of the manner in which they had endured hardships. The work, he said, was the most severe encountered by the British Army for many a long day. They had in front of them an enemy to whom they could not afford to give a single point. The Boers' tactics had been excellent and he recognized and admired their courage.

General Methuen also said that when called upon to fight for his country he preferred to fight a foe worthy of his steel, rather than savages whose sole recommendation was bravery. He expressed the hope that he and his men had gained one another's confidence and would all do their duty to their country, as Englishmen should.

The General described as "dastardly" the alleged conduct of Boers in firing on ambulance wagons, the shooting of a British officer by a wounded Boer and the Boers' alleged use of dumdum bullets; but he refused to believe that these acts were characteristic of the Boers. He gave them credit, until convinced to the contrary, that they, like the British, wished to fight fairly and squarely.

POWELL SAFE NOVEMBER 24.

Colonel Baden-Powell, under date of Mafeking, November 24, has sent the following to the War Office through General Forestier Walker, at Cape Town:

"All well here. Conje has left with a commando and about 20 wagons, leaving most of the guns here with the Marico and Lichtenburg contingents, with orders to shell us into submission. Bombardment and sniping continue, with very small results.

"The enemy's sentries drew us out Saturday by making a show of going away and leaving a big gun, apparently in a state of being dismantled. Our scouts found the enemy hidden in force, so we sat tight.

"The enemy's 94-pounder became damaged and has been replaced by another, more efficient.

"I am daily pushing out our advance work, with good effect. The health of the garrison is good. No casualties to report."

STRENGTH OF BRITISH ARMY.

A Washington dispatch to the Herald says: The United States War Department has received an official register just issued by the British War Office, showing that the effective strength of the British regular service is 225,025 men, divided among these arms:

Infantry, 138,033; cavalry of the line, 17,848; artillery, field 14,398, garrison 18,326, horse 3 669 and mountain 1 383. There are 7 860 men in the engineers, 6 938 in the foot guards, 1,305 in the Household Cavalry, 6,312 in the Colonial Corps, 1 373 in the Army Ordnance Corps, 2 835 in the medical corps and 580 in the pay corps.

The number of officers during 1898 was 7 880. There were 923 warrant officers, 14 423 sergeants, 3 494 trumpeters, buglers and drummers, and about 200,000 of the rank and file. The army is thus distributed:

In England, Ireland, Wales and the Channel islands	102 202
Colonies and Egypt	49 232
India	73,591

When the register was issued there were in South Africa two regiments of cavalry of the line, three service battalions of field artillery, one service battalion of mountain artillery, two service companies of garrison artillery, one division of engineers and six and a half regiments of infantry of the line. Since that time the troops have been reinforced by an army corps from Great Britain and troops from India and Malta.

Great Britain's regular service can be largely supplemented in case of emergency by her large army reserve, comprising a total of 490,014 men, 433,163 of whom are officially enrolled. In addition to the two classes of reserve, there are the militia, yeomanry and volunteers.

Echoes of the Football Game.

The Wilmington High School boys went home and gave as an excuse for their defeat in this city Thursday by the Fayetteville Juniors that they were playing a team which averaged in weight 160 pounds. If Juniors averaged this much in weight, it would certainly lead to the impression that Fayetteville was peopled by giants, and while our boys are no doubt sturdier and healthier than those of any other place, we do not claim to be Brobdignagians, and we have it on the best authority that the Fayetteville team that played against Wilmington on Thursday, averaged only 138½ pounds in weight. Fayetteville, we believe, had slightly the advantage in this respect, certainly not over twenty pounds all told, which was only perceptible to the experienced eye. Against this, if it is enough advantage to discuss, Wilmington had an offset in months of practice against days of their opponents.

We take the following extracts from accounts published by this morning's Wilmington papers.

The Messenger says.

The Wilmington High School football team returned home Thursday night after losing the Thanksgiving game with Fayetteville on the latter's grounds, but the boys were in good spirits, for they had played a fine game and did well to keep the score of their heavy opponents down to such a small score—5 to 0.

The Fayetteville team averaged about 150 pounds in weight, while the High school team averaged only about 125 pounds. But with such odds against them even their opponents declare that they put up a magnificent game.

The Star says:

Wilmington High School Football Eleven returned from Fayetteville Thursday evening defeated in the game with the Fayetteville Juniors, but not conquered. The score was five to nothing against them, but had they encountered a junior team of their own class, the result would have been otherwise. The boys say that they met a team of "juniors" in name only, for Fayetteville pitted against them an eleven averaging over 160 pounds, against an average of not above 138.

However, Manager Smallbones and Capt. Moore were fully satisfied with the result and express a determination to meet the same aggregation of "pig skin chasers" on the grid-iron again.

Taxes.

Taxes are pouring into the sheriff's office at such an unprecedented rate that Sheriff Burns has had to employ extra force, and yet people have to fall into line and await their turn.

This, of course, is partly due to 7½ cent cotton, but principally to the new sheriff's announcement that taxes must be paid, and his determination to show no partiality to any one. If he continues on this line, instead of making himself unpopular, it will be the reverse and he will receive the thanks of every one. Mr. Burns acts on the assumption that if a person cannot pay his taxes now, the hay-day of the year, he will hardly be able to better pay them later. A true assumption surely.

His Life was Saved.
Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free at B. E. Sedberry & Son's Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

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Score 5 to 0.

The much discussed game of football between the Wimlington High School and Fayetteville was played on the gridiron at the Fair grounds Thursday afternoon in the presence of a good crowd of spectators.

The Wilmington boys arrived at 12:10 and the game was called at 2:30 with Fayetteville kicking off. After five minutes of hard playing, Capt. Sutton, for Fayetteville, plunged through Wilmington's center for a touch-down, the only score made the entire game.

The remainder of the half the ball frequently changed hands, on account of the teams being unable to make the required distance which is five yards.

In the second half both teams fought hard but neither scoring, and when time was called Fayetteville had the ball. The game throughout was brilliantly played.

Special features of the game for Fayetteville were Lambeth's playing at right half back. At no time did he fail to make gains. Sutton's playing at full was very good. Gaster's work at right end was considered by all excellent, also Watson's playing at guard, and at times the whole team played "hot" ball.

The star player for the Wilmingtons was T. Brown at left half back. His line rushing was excellent and made good gains; also Smallbones's right end was good. All in all it was an evenly matched game, and too much praise cannot be given to the conduct of the Wilmington team.

THE LINE UP.

Fayetteville.		Wilmington.
Watson, E. T.	C.	Ramsey
Watson, P.	R. G.	Grant
Dye, J. C.	R. T.	Montgomery
Gaster, "Jack"	R. E.	Smallbones
Maxwell, S.	L. G.	Culbreth
Branch, W.	L. T.	Atkins
McNeill, J. S.	L. E.	Gause
McNeill, G.	Q. B.	Moore, S.
Smith, G.	L. H. B.	T. Brown
Lambeth, H. A.	R. H. B.	Moore, W.
Sutton, (Capt)	F. B.	Locklyn

Officers—Umpire, Rev. B. H. Black; referee, Mr. L. B. Wiggs, of Wilmington; time keeper, Sheriff Geo. A. Burns; linemen, Atkinson and Dosher.

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The Approach of Motherhood is the Occasion of Much Anxiety to All.
Every woman dreads the ordeal through which she must pass in becoming a mother. The pain and suffering which is in store for her is a source of constant anxiety, fear and dread, to say nothing of the danger which the coming incident entails. The joyous anticipations with which she looks forward to baby's coming gives way to an indescribable dread of the ordeal when she fully realizes the critical and trying event which will soon approach and have to be endured.
Women should hail with delight a remedy which insures to them immunity from the pain, suffering and danger incidental to child-bearing. Such a remedy is now offered, and women need not fear longer the hour of childbirth. "Mother's Friend"—is a scientific liniment—and if used before confinement, gently and surely prepares the body for the great requirements and changes it is undergoing, insures safety to both mother and child, and takes her through the event with comparative ease and comfort. This wonderful remedy is praised by every woman who has used it.
What woman is not interested in "Mother's Friend?" This wonderful remedy has been tested and its priceless value proven by the experience of thousands of happy mothers who have used it during the most critical period of woman's life—the approach and culmination of motherhood.
It has won their everlasting praise, for it gave them help and hope in their most trying hour and when most needed. Every woman may some day need "Mother's Friend." The little book, "Before Baby is Born," telling all about it, and when it should be used, will prove of great interest and benefit to all expectant mothers, and will be sent free to any address upon application to the Bradfield Regulator Company, Atlanta, Ga.

RANDOM REMARKS.

BY SHAWEN.

Nature is in a pensive mood! Out in the country she has wrought a wondrous picture, and now she sits and broods upon her loveliness.

Thrice blessed is the country dweller who can live near to Nature's heart in this the "living time" of the year. The richest of treasures are his, for the light toll he pays, when he opens his eyes, ears and brain to the season's largess of delight.

When the early morning light wakes the world from sleep and shadows, those hardy birds that will be with us even when the winter appears fill the woodlands with their joyous matins, and the cows, the dogs, the pigs, and the feathered folk of the barnyard all greet the new day with a vociferousness that seems to prove the frosty air as much a tonic to them as to man. For the morning air on a clear fall day is a veritable intoxicant. It sends the blood leaping through the veins and gives to jaded minds a stimulus that finds its vent in decided action.

When morn has passed and the air grows mellow, warmed by the sun, the country landscape offers the greatest pleasure. A long walk upon a smooth hard pike, or better still, down a crooked, narrow lane, brings to view pictures whose finishing and color might well disturb the artist whose aim is not that high one that is never satisfied, but always wishful of further growth.

Aside from little tufts of grass there is little vegetation in the lane. Here and there a silvery mullein plant stands sentinel. There may be a purple thistle or two, but for the most part, those along the way are completely shrivelled, and closing their prickly petals upon those little bits of silky down that have not been blown away by autumn winds. Probably a lonely thorn tree stands gaunt and menacing, with a single locust to bear it company. The long, brown pod as yet encases a meat that is green and bitter. Wild grapes may show their blue clusters from the boughs above, and blackhaws and sparkleberries peep out from a neighboring hedge. Perhaps there is the stump of some forest tree, lately hewn down, and showing red gashes on its side where the relentless axe has further despoiled the rough brown bark. Hid away in a little drift of leaves and twigs a cricket pipes lustily, and a trifle more shrilly than during the summer. But the air seems very still, when remembering the fairy insect chorus of preceding months. A train rolling past, not far away, seems to emit a tremendous volume of sound in contrast to the lone piper's music. In a short while the small black fellow will have to find a home beneath some huge rock partly buried in the warm bosom of mother earth, or, maybe, he will be lucky enough to spend the winter months under some friendly hearthstone, paying his rent (promptly) in music abundant and of the cheeriest sort.

On one side the lane stands a ragged regiment, brave soldiers still. In their prime they rustled gladly, and gave their bounty to man and beast; now sere and bent, they seem mere ghosts of their former selves—it is a field of corn!

To one side, stretching away to a slope, is a field from whose smooth surface have been lately gathered tons of rich pea-vine hay; and opposite, across a broad meadow, and even climbing the foot of a dusky hill to the north, is a golden sea of goldenrod.

And the trees! Who can do justice to the rich colorings in reds and yellows and browns so lavishly shown? The wicked wind has torn and mutilated many, but some retain a perfect symmetry of form and appear as huge bouquets. Look closely as you pass them by, for on your homeward journey you may find those lovely leaves drifted about the tree's foot.

Over in that stretch of dense woodland, nuts are dropping and bright-eyed squirrels burrow among the rustling leaves that strew the ground.

When the sun takes an early leave of the country-side its setting is in a golden haze that glorifies the landscape. When dusk has settled and the air grows chill the stars gleam very brightly in the night sky, and thoughts of a cozy supper and an evening over a good book, or with some kindred spirit in communion of thought, grow pleasant. A hurry home in the dusky twilight and the welcoming gleam of home lights are not unpleasant features.

Wrecked in Humboldt Bay.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Eureka, California, Dec'r 2.—The Steamer Wecott was wrecked on the rocks in Humboldt Bay. All except two of the twenty aboard are safe. A big breaker struck the basket with which the life savers were trying to rescue Mrs. Carmichael. She was swept away. Seaman Nelson was killed by a falling spar.

Choate's Remarks.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, December 2.—Ambassador Choate's remarks in London has caused great annoyance to the President. He does not deem it wise to air such propositions before the voters at this particular season.

No Right to Ugliness.
The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at B. E. Sedberry & Son's drug store.

An editor prints his paper to give his patrons the news of the day and for the money there is in it. He is presumed to know of what he writes, and he generally does. When he writes as he does in the *Leader Courier*, Osceola Mills, Pa., without fee or hope of reward, that "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts magically, and we have found none better in our household. If you have a cough, try it," it may be accepted as an honest expression, worthy of credence. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve Cures Piles, Cuts, Burns.

Consumption
is robbed of its terrors by the fact that the best medical authorities state that it is a curable disease; and one of the happy things about it is, that its victims rarely ever lose hope.
You know there are all sorts of secret nostrums advertised to cure consumption. Some make absurd claims. We only say that if taken in time and the laws of health are properly observed,
SCOTT'S EMULSION
will heal the inflammation of the throat and lungs and nourish and strengthen the body so that it can throw off the disease.
We have thousands of testimonials where people claim they have been permanently cured of this malady.
50c. and $1.00, all druggists.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

News of Interest

At a conference of about twenty-five prominent republican congressmen held at Washington Friday, it was decided that the eligibility of Representative elect Roberts, of Utah, to occupy a seat in the house of representatives should be investigated and determined, and that pending the decision he should not be permitted to take the oath of office.

An unknown masked white man robbed a Southern Express Company car near Branchville, S. C., on the Southern railway, Friday night. One messenger was made to stand with his hands over his head and the other was commanded to hand over the money packages in the safe. Seventeen hundred dollars were secured and the robber, after warning the messenger not to put a foot outside of the car until the train had got under headway again, pulled the bell cord and jumped off as the train slowed up.

Brings His Bride Home.

Prof. Chas. M. Weber, who was married in Warrenton Nov. 30th to Miss Mary Shell, arrived Friday night, accompanied by his bride, a charming young lady, greatly admired at home for her many accomplishments and beauty.

A Warrenton correspondent in Saturday morning's Raleigh Post says:

Today at 11 o'clock a. m. at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Mary Lee Shell was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Prof. C. M. Gonzales, of Fayetteville. The marriage was a quiet home affair and only a few invited guests were present.

The bride is a daughter of Capt. O. P. Shell, general manager of the Warrenton Railroad Company, and is one of the most beautiful and attractive young ladies ever raised here.

The happy young couple left on the noon train, followed by the best wishes of the entire community.

Fire Last Night.

Fire Friday night destroyed a house in Pearce's Mill township, owned by Mr. W

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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1900.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

"Where the gold Democrats are numerically weak they will profess to accept the platform, but will oppose every plan that is calculated to bring success to the platform."
—William J. Bryan to National Committeeman C. S. Thomas, of Colorado.

NATIONAL FINANCES.

Secretary Gage appeared before the meeting of the Republican members of the senate finance committee on Saturday and urged his views upon them. It is given out that the senate finance bill will so differ from that agreed upon by the House Republican caucus, in phraseology as well as in details, covering "some points not included" in the House bill, that a conference committee for settling the differences will probably be the result.

The senate measure will, it is said, make provision for the maintenance of the gold standard, but in just what way is not intimated.

The matter most discussed between the Secretary and the committee appears to have been the refunding of the public debt. It is understood that he and they are practically agreed on this point, and that their proposition involves at least two amendments to the national bank act, viz: (1) to reduce the circulation tax from one per cent., as now, to one half of one per cent., and (2) to authorize the "issue of circulation" of national banks up to the par value of bonds deposited. The 5 per cent. bonds due in 1904 amount to $90,000,000, the 4 per cent. bonds due in 1907, to about $545,000,000, including those recently purchased by the government—a total of $635,000,000. The Secretary and the members of the committee believe that these can be refunded in bonds running for a long period at 2 per cent.

The New York Sun, a few days ago, contained an article forecasting the plan of Secretary Gage, in which a more comprehensive scheme than that just reported, as above, from Washington, was said to be contemplated.

Said the Sun:

"The plan is to extend the time of matority of all the United States bonds, except the issue of January 14, 1875, maturing in 1925, and amounting to $162,315,400. It is believed that the high market value of this loan of 1925 precludes the possibility of refunding it at present. The only other exception to the refunding scheme is that part of the loan authorized in July, 1870, and January, 1871, which was continued by act of Congress at 2 per cent. at the option of the Government. These bonds outstanding amount to only $25 364 500. The bonds to be refunded are, therefore, the 4½ per cent. funded loan of 1891, amounting to $225 000 000; the 4 per cent. funded loan of 1907, amounting to $559,595,900; the 5 per cent. loan of 1904, amounting to $97,402,300; and the 3 per cent. ten twenties of 1898, amounting to $198 678,720. The amount of bonds to be refunded is therefore, somewhat more than $1,000,000,000. The time to which each class of bonds shall be extended for maturity has not been definitely determined. Secretary Gage has estimated, however, that the savings to the Government in interest payments annually, provided the bonds are refunded at 2 or 2½ per cent., will be somewhere between $16,000,000 and $20,000,000."

There is no objection to the saving of sixteen or twenty millions of dollars, of course, although such an amount is hardly worth considering when we are spending almost double that (to be exact, we believe it is thirty millions) every month in the shape of the total expense of maintaining our imperial army and navy establishment—*provided* the tax-payers are not made to suffer a greater burden indirectly in another way. How this may come about is described in the following quotation from the same article in the Sun:

"A necessary accompaniment of the refunding scheme, of course, is proposed banking legislation, which will make it of advantage to the national banks to dispose of their 3, 4 and 5 per cent. bonds at market value, receiving 2 per cent. or 2½ per cent. bonds at par in return, togetner with new privileges affecting bank issues and conditions of circulation. The scheme as thus arranged is expected to be readily accepted by the banks, while it will result in a great saving to the Government."

The result of this mutual accommodation would be (1) an inducement to perpetuate the public debt, and (2) the strengthening of the bands of our centralized and obnoxious banking system.

"Secretary Gage," continues the Sun's article, "believes that the scheme will be popular, for the argument is used that whatever is advantageous to the government in connection with national indebtedness is advantageous to the people." That depends upon whether or not the "government" represents the people—or, as the phrase is, is a government of, for and by the people. It is the general impression that the present one is not of that character. The proposition is a tub to the whale. Up to the time the financial interests ascertained by their control of Mr. Cleveland that they had nothing to fear from Democratic opposition to the Republican party, we were rapidly paying off the public debt. Except for that disastrous emasculation of Democracy's power, there would now be no national debt, no national banks—and, in fact, there would have been no debt renewing Spanish and Philippine war.

Our reference to Mr. Cleveland, by the way, is not intended for a blow at that defunct statesman at all, but merely to remind our Democratic friends of the importance of excluding from Democratic councils those who still exhibit allegiance to him and his ways, if we are ever to make a Democratic triumph valuable.

THE SUPREME COURT ON TRUSTS AND INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

We have never been able to see how any one familiar with the Constitution could oppose Mr. Bryan's suggestion that the Federal government was competent to deal with the interstate phase of the trust question. A good deal of so-called ridicule was cast upon Mr. Bryan on account of his views upon this subject by the McKinley "Democrats," who charged him with a leaning to Federalism rather than to the Jeffersonian doctrine of State rights. These ignorant persons seem incapable of realizing that there are no stronger advocates of Federal power, within its restricted sphere as clearly defind by the Constitution, than those who rely upon that same instrument as the bulwark and defense of the reserved rights of the States. The two things go together, and are interdependent. The Jeffersonian doctrine simply inculcates a a strict construction of the fundamental law, the benefit of all doubts, under the Xth Amendment, being accorded to "the States or the people." Under such a construction, there is not, it seems to us, the slightest reason to question the power of the general government to regulate such trusts as those, for example, which find their robbers' roost in New Jersey but their field of predatory incursions in the other States.

It seems that the Supreme Court takes this view very decidedly, as appears from one of yesterday's press telegrams, which wes to this effect:

Washington, Dec. 4.—In the U. S. Supreme Court the Addystone Pipe case was decided. This case involved the constitutionality of the combination of pipe manufacturers to manufacture pipe, which, it was charged, was a trust. The decision was handed down by Justice Peckham, and was adverse to the combination. It was, therefore, in opposition to the trust. The opinion of the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit was affirmed.

There were two questions before the court in connection with the case. The first was whether the constitutional clause for the regulation of inter State commerce applied to individuals and corporations, and the second, whether if the clause should be found to so apply the combination is a restriction of inter State commerce.

The court held that the constitutional clause did apply to individuals and corporations, and that the agreement does by its provisions restrict and restrain commerce between the States. Hence the agreement was decided to be void as applying to interstate business and the injunction sustained.

The six companies composing the combination affected were the Addystone Pipe and Steel Company, of Cincinnati; Dennis Long & Co., of Louisville; the Howard Harrison Iron Company, Bessemer, Ala.; the Anniston Pipe and Foundry Company, Anniston, Ala.; the South Pittsburg Pipe Works, of South Pittsburg, Tenn., and the Chattanooga Foundry and Pipe Works of Chattanooga, Tenn. Their agreement provided that there should be no competition between the companies in thirty six States which were mentioned in the manufacture and sale of cast iron pipe.

Mr. Bryan on the Next Campaign.

An Austin, Tex., telegram says:

A special from Galveston, where the Hon. W. J. Bryan is at present, quotes him extensively on next year's campaign, Mr. Bryan states that the democrats will make great gains next year among large classes of people.

"These people comprise the wage earners," said he. "Those who have been directly affected by the consolidation of the great manufacturing and producing concerns of the country commonly called trusts. In this class is enumerated day laborers, office men, drummers, etc. These are the people who will vote with the democrats next year.

"With a continuation of such an increase to our side for the next twelve months, it will not be a question of can the democrats win, but now large the majority will be. I have no fear for the outcome. The recent elections to an unbiased mind plainly indicate that the democrats had the better of it in nearly all the states in which elections were held.

"In Ohio, Mr. McKinley's home state, is the democratic gain more clearly shown than those anywhere else, except in Maryland and Nebraska. The vote given Jones was anti republican and had he not been in the race it most assuredly would have gone to McLean. Next year, with the present ratio of increase, Ohio will go democratic by a safe majority.

"The republicans would like to cover me with the glory of personally winning the fight in Nebraska. They would, if possible, lead the people to believe that there were no issues in this election and that I was so personally magnetic as to lead the people to the polls with nothing more than myself as an incentive.

"The truth of the matter is the people of Nebraska have been awakened. They realize that it is time that a change was being made in the administration of affairs of the government and they propose to throw off the yoke of a single money standard and of militarism and to check the avarice and greed that has almost become the objective of that party. And not only in Nebraska is this the case, but I find from both personal investigation and from those who are in a position to know that the people in many sections of other states heretofore strongly republican have made up their minds to join the free silver forces next year."

The Scarsdal Murderer Arrested and Confesses.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, December 6th.—Edgar Burns was arrested this morning and confessed that he walked home with station agent Fallows, of Scarsdale, and shot him in the back of the head. He dragged him into the bushes and took the victim's cash, one hundred dollars, and then took a train for New York. He spent all his time since then at the bicycle show, where he was arrested.

By telegraph to the Observer.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message was delivered to each House of Congress upon the opening to day. Its leading features are as follows:

"To The Senate and
"The House of Representatives:

"On the threshold of our deliberations, we are called upon to mourn with our countrymen the death of Vice President Hobart. May his great soul rest in peace! His private life was pure and elevating, and his public career was distinguished by stainless integrity and exalted motives.

"The condition of the country is marked by unusual prosperity and good will among the people. Our relations with every government in the world are those of friendship. Our foreign commerce is greatly increased in volume. The value of our imports is the largest we have known in a single year. And the Secretary of the Treasury estimates that there will be a surplus in the Treasury, for the present year, of forty millions. Conditions and Confidence have brought gold into more general use, so that the customs receipts are now almost entirely in gold."

ADDITIONAL POWER FOR SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

The President recommends that additional power be given to the Secretary of the Treasury to sell United States bonds, and to employ such other means as may be necessary to maintain the parity between gold and silver. His authority should include the power to sell long or short bonds. He renews his former recommendation that a portion of the gold holdings be placed aside as a trust fund with which greenbacks may be redeemed upon presentation. When redeemed, they shall not thereafter be paid out except for gold.

TRUSTS OBNOXIOUS TO THE COMMON LAW.

Combinations and "trusts" are justly provoking public discussion. They should claim the early attention of congress. It is universally conceded that combinations controlling commodities necessary for the community, by suppressing competition whereby prices are enhanced to the general consumer, are obnoxious to the common law, and also to the public welfare. There must be a remedy for such an evil. If the present law can be extended so as to control and check such trusts, that should be done without delay. State legislation which President Cleveland looked to for relief from the evils of trusts has failed to accomplish the objects aimed at—which is due to the divergent views of the States. Uniformity in the legislation of the States is desired.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

The President extendedly reviews our relations with foreign governments. The contract with the maritime canal company of Nicaragua is declared forfeited by the Nacaraguan Government on the ground of its non fulfillment during the ten years' term stipulated in the contract. The company has lodged a protest against this action. If it appears worthy of consideration, Nicaragua will afford a fair hearing to the company on the merits of the case. The great importance of the Nicaragua canal cannot be too strongly impressed on congress. The reasons for early action are stronger than ever.

CHINA.

Our interests in China are not neglected. Our trade with China continues to grow. His recommendation for the appointment of a commission to study the commercial and industrial conditions of that empire is repeated.

GERMANY.

Our relations with Germany are cordial. The Government of that empire seems reluctant to admit the excellence of our food productions. Our system of control of exported food staples, invites examination from any quarter. It challenges respect for its efficient thoroughness.

THE UNITED KINGDOM.

His last message referred to the pending negotiations with Great Britain with respect to the Dominion of Canada. By means of an executive agreement, the joint high commission had been created for the purpose of adjusting differences. As the commission proceeded toward adjustment of many of these questions, it became apparent that there were irreconcilable differences of views respecting the delimitation of the Alaskan boundary. The whole subject should receive the careful attention which its importance demands. Open negotiations between the two Governments will no doubt end in an agreement establishing a permanent boundary. Apart from these questions, the most friendly disposition between the two nations exists.

NEUTRALITY IN RESPECT TO THE BOERS.

There is marked discussion of the intercourse of the United States with Great Britain. This government maintained an attitude of neutrality between Great Britain and the Boers. Had circumstances warranted the use of our good offices, it would gladly have been given.

ITALY.

For the fourth time in the present decade, the question has arisen with Italy in regard to the lynching of Italian subjects. The Executive is able to state that a fairly satisfactory solution has been reached. The bill providing for the punishment for violation of the treaty rights of aliens, has been reported favorably to the Senate. The President recommended that this subject be taken up and acted upon at the present session.

A CABLE TO MANILA.

The President renews his recommendation for a cable to Manila, and recommends that in case congress should not take measures to effect this by direct action of the government, the Post Master General be authorized to invite competitive bids for the establishment of the cable.

CUBA AND PORTO RICO.

The message last year was devoted in great part to a consideration of the Spanish war, its results and the weighty conditions imposed upon us for the future. The evacuation of Porto Rico had already been accomplished, and nothing remained necessary but to continue the provisional control until congress should enact suitable laws for its government. The nation has assumed before the world the grave responsibility of providing for the future good government of Cuba. We have accepted the trust, our mission to accomplish which cannot be fulfilled by turning adrift any commonwealth to face the vicissitudes which often attend weaker States. The greatest blessing which can come to Cuba is the restoration of agricultural and industrial prosperity. Negotiations are about to be had defining our conventional relations to Cuba and Porto Rico. He recommends legislation to carry out that article in the treaty of peace with Spain by which the United States assumed the payment of certain claims for indemnity of its citizens against Spain.

TURKEY.

The situation of our citizens in Turkey, is unsatisfactory. He will use all earnest efforts to secure fair treatment for our citizens abroad. He will not hesitate to apply whatever corrective may be provided by the statutes.

MISCELLANEOUS.

He recommends that the senate ratify the convention for the pacific settlement of international conflicts; that congress provide a special medal for volunteers and regulars, sailors and marines, on duty in the Philippines, also for those who voluntarily remain after their terms of enlistment have expired; that congress provide for chaplains in the Philippines, and that the postal service in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines be placed on a self sustaining basis.

THE NAVY.

The navy maintains its spirit and a high state of efficiency which justifies liberal appropriations. Congress should make necessary provision for the armor plate vessels now under contract for building.

THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.

He believed that the transfer of the sovereignty of the Philippines accorded with the wishes of the mass of the Philippines from the earliest moment at which they were assured that our desire was for their welfare. A most unhappy condition of affairs confronted our commissioners upon their arrival in Manila. They hoped with Dewey and Otis to establish peace. The course recommended by the Commissioners has been pursued. The rebellion must be put down. A notable beginning has been made in the establishment of a government in the island of Negros, which is deserving of special consideration.

This was the first island to accept American sovereignty. The United States flag will be used throughout the archipellago. Piracy will be suppressed and the Sultan of Sulu will co operate. The United States will not occupy any islands in the Sulu group without the consent of the Sultan. The future government of the Philippines rests with Congress. Graver responsibilities never have been confided to any body.

"The islands are ours by every title of law and equity, and cannot be abandoned by us. Such an act would involve a cruel breach of faith. It would place the peaceable majority at the mercy of armed insurgents It does not seem desirable that I should recommend a form of government for the islands until congress expresses its will. I will use the authority vested in me by the constitution."

HAWAII, ALASKA AND PORTO RICO.

He recommends erecting the Hawaiian Islands into a judicial district. Also that a government for them be provided for. He recommends a more complete form of territorial organization for Alaska and also for Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY.

He recommends that the Memorial Bridge over the Potomac to the Arlington estate, be opened on the fourteenth of December, the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Washington, and is glad to learn that in many parts of the country the people will observe this anniversary.

CONCLUSION.

Never has this nation had more abundant cause for thankfulness to God for His manifold blessings, and for which we make reverent acknowledgment.

[Signed] "WILLIAM McKINLEY."

Letter from Mr. Ma'lock—Fish for Cumberland Streams - Yankee Rice—and Other Interesting Things.

Forest and Stream.)

W. L. H., Fayetteville, N. C.—Will you be so kind as to give me some idea of the crappie? I made application to U. S. Fish Commission for bass and could not get them this season, but was offered the crappie in place of bass. I am anxious to know something of this fish, and to know if they are game and good for food—size, etc. How about buying small mouth black bass? Can you tell me where to get them? Ans. The croppies, or crappies, are esteemed as game fish. There are two varieties, the small mouth and the big mouth. While not so game as the black bass, they give good sport, and are excellent for the table. See notes on them and illustrations in our issue of June 25 and July 2 1898. We do not know where black bass fry can be had.

1337, 11th, N. W.,
Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.

Dear Friend:

This is Thanksgiving by proclamation. All the same there is lamentation among the turkeys!

I, too, have a complaint to make. How can it be condoned?

Quidlicet: The above printed query is the third which has been sent to Forest and Stream and received no satisfactory answer. Of course not! There is no fish sharp on its editorial corps.

Why does not the applicant address *me*, and learn all that there is to know? *I* am the one who has led the fish planting movement in Fayetteville, and am introducing the fish. Hence it is a visible lack of courtesy to ignore me, and apply to my *pupils* in New York for information! Is it not so? *N'est ce pas?* "A prophet is not without honor," etc.

Please tell me how to smooth out the wrinkles of my wounded self esteem?

I shall not be down your way before January. Am working up the new Rice Culture. We can grow larger and better crops on the 40 h parallel than in any Atlantic coast State; and *save the whole!* I shall take samples of Illinois rice one foot long down to Savannah and Charleston Boards of Trade about December 20th. Wm. L. Trenholm is helping me in South Carolina.

N. B. I find that a crucial experiment shows that rainbow trout, such as we propose to introduce into Fayetteville waters, can live in Fahrenhe it temperature of 88 degrees. Of a shipment of fifty fishes from Bordeaux to Buenos Ayres, nine crossed the equator and lived. So, there is great promise for Fayetteville.

I must step down to the Fish Commission and ask Ravenel if our trout have not yet been shipped from Wytheville, Va. If not, why not? Hope to see you *often* after the holidays. Here we are to eat turkey (special) on this present Thanksgiving Day. Hope this line will find you all well. If you ever get to slinging ink *freely*, let a little some this way. A postal—just a mere postal, would be in evidence, don't yer know?

Splendid weather here for past six weeks; very little interrupted.

Sincerely yours,
CHAS. HALLOCK.

One Minute Cough Cure, cures.
That is what it was made for.

THE THORNS IN DEMOCRACY'S FLESH

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Democratic treason is all that Democracy and Bryan need apprehend in 1900; and the present outlook is so bright for the party that even the traitors next year are likely, for the most part, to pretend extraordinary zeal on some side issue, as State bank issues, the tariff, civil service reform and the like.

Tarboro Southerner.

A Palmer & Buckner supporter attempting to run the Democratic party is having a most trying time. * * If the so called Democrats were as much as 1 to 16 they might then be asked to be received back into the party on a parity. * * The negro question while keeping many a man from being a republican has made many a man a very poor excuse for a democrat.

Kinston Free Press.

In an interview Otho Wilson told The News Observer that he would have no hesitancy in suing for the office of corporation commissioner, if he can see an opportunity to win. He says his resignation to the legislature was forced on him, that "notice was served on me by leading Democrats, (that while I was put ont without cause) unless I would resign and give the place to a successor to be named by them, I would be defeated. I had abundant reason to believe that a concerted agreement had been reached on this line." He further says that he is under obligations to nobody and will pursue the course that he considers for his own best interests. Otho was guilty, as the Free Press stated at the time. He was acquitted, we believe, largely through railroad influence. His acquittal was a shame. As to Otho, whom some papers (the Charlotte Observer for instance) claim was too good to bring suit after resigning, etc., he is not too good to do anything. Otho is a rascal, and some who helped acquit him are also rascals.

Rockingham Anglo-Saxon.

The Charlotte Observer ridicules National Chairman Jones even at this late day because he didn't accept grossly exaggerated Republican estimates and concede Bryan's defeat in 24 hours after the '96 election when he came within less than 20,000 popular votes of securing enough electoral votes to elect him, and when almost every hour was bringing more encouraging reports. It again calls the result of the recent Ohio election a 50 000 Republican majority, when of course the Republicans fell 72,000 short of a majority, electing their ticket by a plurality. It attributes the Democratic success in Maryland to the fact that they didn't endorse the Chicago platform, when we learned from its own columns a short time before the election that the gold Democrats had resolved to support the Republican ticket because the party didn't repudiate the Chicago platform.

Jonesboro Progress.

The following will explain the air of gloom and sadness that pervades our sanctum and fills the unoccupied territory of our office and gives to our devil's usually placid countenance that look of agony and heartrending despair which says as plain as words can say that he is being hurried off to a premature grave by circumstances over which he has no control.

The thusness of the affair is like this: A few weeks ago, in a three line "squib" we criticised the action of the Charlotte Observer in siding with England's Naboth's vineyard performance in South Africa. Whereupon that most excellent sheet, which has for many long years been the prop and stay of the gold bugs, dropped us, as it were; shook us, so to speak; gave us the frozen face, in other words; or, in the parlance of the typo, has "shut off" on us, and this is the sole and only cause of the gloom above mentioned. We shall miss our Charlotte contemporary sadly. We shall miss its words of hearty and fervent hope, so often and so continuously expressed, that the democrats meet defeat in 1900; we shall miss the words of vituperation and abuse so freely bestowed upon the democrats of regular and approved standing, and we shall also miss the sycophantic lisp and tones of honeyed and fawning endearment as it licked the foul boots of Cleveland and that raft of political pirates who attempted to scuttle and sink the democratic ship in ninety six. As we before remarked we shall miss it sadly.

The Observer is a very useful paper, and holds an unique position in North Carolina journalism where it is chiefly valuable as "a terrible warning," on the same principle that a drunkard is valuable to the temperance lecturer.

The only anti-democratic literature that comes to this shop now, are the Caucasian, Chatham Citizen, and Our Home, but they are milk and-water, compared with Caldwell. Wonder if we cou'dn't get up an exchange with the Asheville Gazette?

New York Verdict.

New York is on the threshold of democratic redemption. The returns have all been gathered, and the additions and subtractions are made. Now that the dust of the combat has so far rettled that one may gain some glimpse of results, what, think you, is the republican majority in the State of New York as shown two weeks ago? It comes out as a shadow over nine thousand. No mammoth plurality, surely. In 1896 the black majority was two hundred and forty six thousand. *It was Cleveiandism that did that.* In 1897 it bleached to eighty thousand. One year ago it whitened still further and stood at eighteen thousand five hundred. This autumn their superiority, as stated, fades and pales to a trifle above nine thousand. In 1900—mark the Verdict's word—that superiority will have died and disappeared—buried beneath a Bryan plurality of fifty thousand. All this makes the morose and sulky reason of present republican gloom. The further they travel, the worse it gets.

Fish for Cumberland Ponds.

A few weeks ago some of our local pond owners received word from the United States Fish Commissioner that North Carolina's quota of Black Bass were lost. Of course this was a great disappointment, as many of our sportsmen are taking great interest in their fish ponds, and there are no finer nor more beautiful ones to be found anywhere. But, Mr. Herbert Lutterloh had a friend in Prof. Chas. Hallock, who must have a "pull" with the Department, for he influenced the Commissioner to ship Mr. Lutterloh a beautiful lot of Black Bass and Rainbow Trout. They came in fine condition and were divided with Mr. W. L. Holt, so now "Beaver Lake" and "Bonnie Doon" are fairly well stocked with these game fish. We all say, *thank you*, Prof. Hallock, and come again.

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Bladen County News.

Dublin, N. C., Dec. 2 1899.

Married: At Prong, Columbus county, N. C., the 29th inst., Mr. Arthur Council, of Populi, Bladen county, and Miss Jessie Wooten. The groom is one of Bladen's most popular young men. He is a son of the late John T. Council. The bride is the accomplished daughter of S. G. Wooten, Sr., Esq., of Prong, N. C., and a sister of Sheriff S. G. Wooten of Bladen.

Deputy Collector W. J. Sutton is making things hot for the "moonshiners" in this county just now. He captured a 90 gallon illicit distillery in White Oak township last Saturday together with 14 bbds of beer. He was led to the discovery by a drove of fat swine rushing in the direction of the still. He says that the still had been removed about one hundred yards from where it had been operated and was so hot that it had to be cooled off with water. There were several men from this county up before U. S. Commissioner Powers at Fayetteville this week for illicit distilling and retailing without license. There were also several tried at Whiteville before Commissioner Register.

Rev. A. McFadyen, of Clarkton, has been appointed director of the Union Theological Seminary to succeed Rev. Peyton H. Hogue, D. D., who has gone to the Northern Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Emma McGill, wife of W. B. McGill, Esq., of Elizabethtown, died the 29th inst. She leaves a husband and two sons.

We hear that Mr. Lonnie Melvin, of Winnie, who has been very ill, is improving.

Mr. Kelly Pierce, of Clarkton, was here today on business.

Ex Sheriff R. P. Melvin, of Ham, was in Fayetteville on business this week.

Hon. David B. Sutton, of Elizabeth town, went to Fayetteville this week on business.

Rev. A. McFadyen held services at Beth Carr church Thanksgiving.

Mr. James Gillespie, of Dublin, was in Lumberton yesterday on business.

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The Political Outlook.

Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

There are many good Democrats in these parts who are inclined to take a rather pessimistic view of the prospects of their party in the coming National election. Some of them have been reading, in so-called Democratic papers, oft repeated prophesies of overwhelming defeat that inevitably awaits the party, and it is not strange that those of this number who do not know that the wish is father to be thought with these papers, should take a gloomy view of the outlook. * * *

In this connection we invite the attention of despondent Democrats to an article on the first page of this paper headed "Some Political Arithmetic." A careful perusal of this article, which appeared as an editorial in a recent issue of the Washigton Post, an administration organ, we feel sure will revive hope and courage in the breasts of those of the faithful who have been inclined to take too seriously the lugubrious prognostications of the so-called Democratic papers alluded to above.

The rabid opponents of Wm. J. Bryan rant and rave and foam at the mouth in denunciation of him, but the fact that he is one of the greatest political leaders America has ever known will not down at their bidding. They may call him anarchist, and hurl all the opprobious epithets in the language at his head, but still there are millions of his fellow citizens who believe absolutely in his wisdom and integrity. Many, yes very many, of those who do not agree with him in politics recognize his leadership, as witness the following extract from an editorial in a recent issue of the Washington Post:

"The Post is not in sympathy with Mr. Bryan's views on the issues of the times, but it recognizes in him a leader who is as likely as any man we have ever had in American politics to give his opponents a surprise. At any rate, he is a leader who leads—a leader whose word goes with his party and its allies."

Congressman Thomas at Work.

Hon. Chas. R. Thomas, congressman from this district, Monday introduced a bill to construct national arsenal at Fayetteville.

Among the items submitted by Secretary Gage, for which he asks appropriations by congress for North Carolina, are $22,000 for improvements in the Cape Fear above Wilmington and $200,000 below Wilmington. Twenty-two thousand is not enough to carry out the scheme for a uniform depth of channel from Fayetteville to Wilmington, and we trust that Congressman Thomas and our other Senators and Congressmen may induce Congress to add to Secretary Gage's recommendation.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4, 1899.

Hon. J. D. Richardson, of Tennessee, who received the democratic nomination for Speaker, after one of the longest caucuses ever held, got the vote of every democratic member of the House today. He was not, of course, elected; the republicans having the most votes, elected Representative Henderson Speaker, and adopted the old Reed rules, but Mr. Richardson will be the democratic floor leader of the House during the life of the Fifty-Sixth Congress There may be more showy and brilliant men on the democratic side of the House, but that he will make a shrewd and safe leader is conceded by all. His shrewdness would have been shown by the manner in which he conducted his campaign for the nomination of Speaker, had it not been well established long ago. He received no warmer congratulations on his success than those extended by his three rivals for the honor.

Leaving Roberts and his polygamy entirely out of the question, the position taken by the democrats in the first scrap of the session, which occurred when objection was raised to the swearing in of Roberts, that the House had no right to go behind the official returns and deny a man a seat, when he presents proper credentials, was right, but right can't win when a majority is determined to do the other thing. If Roberts cannot clear himself of the charge of having violated the law, there will be few, if any, objections on the democratic side, to his being denied a seat, but it is wrong to declare him guilty befofe his case is fairly investigated.

Mr. McKinley's long message—one of the longest ever sent to Congress—was not sent in today, owing to the early adjournment of both Senate and House as a mark of respect to the late Vice President Hobart. It will go in tomorrow, and then the real business of the session of Congress will begin. The democrats were never in a more aggressive mood, and "hot times" are ahead for the republican majority in both Senate and House.

The attention of Senators is being called to the fact that Gov. Stone had no constitutional right to appoint Mr. Quay to the Senate, after the legislature adjourned without electing his successor. The State Constitution of Pennsylvania, expressly provides that vacancies in the United States Senate shall only be filled by the Legislature. A number of influential Pennsylvanians are in Washington, working against the seating of Quay on personal grounds, against both precedent and law. One of these is ex-Representative Snowden, who said on the subject: "The question should not be made a partisan one, but each Senator, regardless of his politics or his personal friendship for Mr. Quay, should vote as a conscientious, impartial and upright judge, and decide it according to its merits and the dictates of his own conscience, under his official oath. If this be done, there can be no question of the result. Gov. Stone's unlawful appointment has not a single merit to support it."

That our pension laws are in need of revision, everybody knows, but when they will get it, or whether the revision will make them better or worse, is a horse of another color. The Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner of Pensions, have testified before a sub committee, of the Senate Committee on Pensions, that a revision of the laws should be made, and recommended that it be done by a non partisan commission. A National Commission that is really non partisan, would be a rarity, indeed, although there are many so called.

Representative Smith, of Kentucky, who was recently acting Chairman of the Kentucky Democratic State Committee, thinks the legal contest in that state, depends upon the view the court of Appeals takes of tissue ballots. He thinks those ballots were illegal, and knowsthat they were used extensively in the republican border counties, to make sure that the "floaters" voted as they were paid to vote. He says if the tissue ballots are thrown out as illegal, Goebel will have a plurality of from 2 000 to 10,000 Mr. Smith says he doesn't believe there will be any trouble in the State, no matter what the final decision may be.

Mr. McKinley is in a somewhat disagreeable predicament, by reason of his desire to push his friend, and old-tamily physician, Gen. Leonard Wood, ahead in the regular army. He told Gen. Wood, some months ago, that he intended making him a Brigadier General in the Regular Army, and it leaked out. There was a flood of protest from the friends of the line officers—many of them influential republicans—who objected to having them jumped by a staff surgeon, with the rank of Captain. Mr. McKinley then tried to satisfy Gen. Wood with something else, but he wouldn't have it that way, preferring to stand pat on the original promise. This was the principal reason for Gen. Wood being ordered to Washington at this time, and not the withdrawal of troops from his District of Cuba, as announced.

Mr. Jos. Pearce to Marry.

The following invitations were received in this city yesterday:

Mr. and Mrs. William Malcom Gaddy
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter,
Annie Kornegay,
and
Mr. Joseph Huske Pearce,
Thursday evening, December the 14th,
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Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. Martha Jane Smith, widow of D. L. Smith, died at the home of her son, Mr. D. J. Smith, in Flea Hill, aged 84. She died very suddenly.

Died Sunday.

Miss Eliza Ursery died last Sunday evening at the residence of her brother, Mr. Henry Ursery, on Harrington Hill, in the 68th year of her age.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon from the house, Rev. I. W. Hughes conducting the service.

Hon. Dan Hugh McLean Loses A Child.

Maj A. A. McKethan received a telegram from Hon. Dan Hugh McLean last Saturday announcing the death of his youngest child at his home in Dunn. This is sad news to our people who have a warm spot in their hearts for this noble son of North Carolina.

Mr. Tyler McLean, of Aberdeen, was in the city that morning on his way to Dunn to attend the funeral.

First Shipment of Silk.

Two bales of silk goods, the first manufactured by the Ashley-Bailey mill in this city, were shipped north last Friday. Who would have thought twenty years ago that Fayetteville would be shipping manufactured silk abroad before the twentieth century, and still less, that it is not improbable that before the new century is many years gone, Fayetteville may be a silk as well as cotton manufacturing center.

President McIver's Reply.

The following is the reply of President McIver to the offer of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce of the Seminary building for its temporary occupation by the State Normal and Industrial College:

Greensboro, N. C., Dec 2, 1899.
Mr. F. R. Rose, Secretary, Fayetteville, N C:

My dear Sir:—At the meeting of our Board of Directors I placed before them the kind offer you made in your letter of November 20th. I was instructed by the Board to express to you, and through you to the Chamber of Commerce and the people of Fayetteville, their grateful appreciation of your generous suggestion that we use the buildings offered to us in Fayetteville.

As I said in my former letter, there appears to be no doubt of our being able to open safely in January in our own buildings, but I appreciate none the less the generous and hospitable offer.

Very truly yours,
CHARLES D. McIVER,
President.

The Sheriff Entertains.

Sheriff Geo. A. Burns entertained a number of his friends at dinner in jail Monday. We do not mean those who have become his friends because of his just but humane treatment of them as prisoners under the law. These, as a body, he has always with him, and they are cared for as they should be. But he finds himself in such a good humor over the success of his plan of making tax payers pay, that he invited his ten deputies viz: Messrs. Frank Skipper, Flea Hill; J. H. Faircloth, Cedar Creek; Angus Ray, Carvers Creek; J. R. Raynor, 71st; W. J. McDiarmid, Quewhiffle; John Culbreth, Rockfish; A. D. McLauchlin, Little River; G. W. L. Jackson, Black River; D. Shaw and J. McD. Monaghan, Cross Creek, to a sumptuous dinner in the residential part of the jail building; and there they assembled today, and enjoyed their genial chief's hospitality to the full.

In addition to his deputies, the Sheriff had as his guests the County Commissioners, Messrs. Williams, Blue and Downing; Mayor W. S. Cook; the County Attorney, Hon. J. G. Shaw; the Clerk of the Court, Major McKethan; the Register of Deeds, Mr. Bynum; the County Physician, Dr. McGougan; the Coroner, Dr. Caviness; Ex-Sheriff Smith; Ex Sheriff Geddie; the Secretary to the Sheriff, Mr. Ahearn; the Secretary to the Clerk of the Court, Mr. Cain; and the editor of the OBSERVER.

November Dispensary Report.

Stock on hand Nov. 1st,		$4 081 82
Purchases for November,		3 329 37
		$7,411.19
Stock on hand Dec. 1st, '99,	$4.419 08	
Sales as per vouch'rs,	4,126 80	
	$8,545 88	
Gross profits,		$1 134 69
Expenses and freights,		231 48
Net profit,		$ 903.21

The Chicora Fire Company.

At the regular monthly meeting of Chicora Steam Fire Company, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Dr. J. Vance McGougan.
Vice President—J. S. McNeill.
Secretary—Herbert McDonald.
Finance Secretary—C. B. Ledbetter.
Treasurer—R. H. McDuffie.
Foreman—J. D. McNeill.
Asst. foreman—E. T. Watson.

Closing the Conference Year at Hay Street Methodist Church.

The conference year closed at Hay street Methodist church Sunday, the pastor, Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, preaching two able and impressive sermons to large congregations in the morning and at night. At the morning services a brief resume of the year's work was read by the pastor, showing all claims against the church paid in full, while some of the items are paid in excess of the assessment. The total amount paid by the church during the year for all causes, including salaries of pastor, presiding elder, organist and sexton, amount raised on district parsonage fund, incidental expenses and conference collections, is $3.106 80. The report to the annual conference will also show gratifying evidences of improvement along all other lines of church work, the roll showing a net gain of ten in membership for the year after a careful revision of the church rolls from which many names have been dropped on account of death, removal or other causes, while the Sunday-school, Epworth league and other organizations within the church are in a healthy condition. The pastor congratulated the congregation on the showing made and expressed his gratification at being able to carry up such a favorable report to the conference. Evidently, however, the congregation felt that the pastor was chiefly responsible for the unusually excellent showing made, as evidenced by the adoption in open church conference Sunday before last of the following resolutions:

Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 24, 1899.

Whereas, but a few days more remain of the current conference year, and our beloved Pastor, Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, must soon take his departure for the Annual Conference at Washington, N. C., it is fitting at this the final meeting of our Board of Stewards that we place on record an expression of our appreciation of his ministerial relations with our Church the past year; therefore be it resolved

First: We are convinced that the hand of Providence was in his appointment as Pastor of our Church, and we feel that under his ministry the Church has been strengthened and built up in all that makes for true development in the church of God.

Second: By his gentleness of manner and his unremitting zeal as a pastor of *all* the flock, as well by his ministrations in the pulpit, he has completely won the hearts of our people generally, and we are persuaded that we but voice the sentiments of all our members and friends in expressing the earnest hope that he may be returned to us by the Presiding Bishop and his Council as our pastor the coming year.

Third: We would also acknowledge our indebtedness to the elect ladies of his household, Mrs. Cuninggim and her sister, Mrs. Bourne, for their consecrated devotion to the interests of the church.

Fourth: The Secretary is hereby requested to record the foregoing resolutions on the minutes of the board, and to forward a copy to the Presiding Elder of the District, with request to place the same before the Bishop and his Council at the approaching session of the annual conference.

W. W. COLE, Secretary. B. C. GORHAM, Chairman.
Board of Stewards Hay Street M. E. Church, South.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote at the last regular meeting of the Board of Stewards Friday night, Nov. 24th, and ordered read before the entire congregation Sunday morning, Nov. 26, 1899.

The annual conference meets this year in Washington, N. C., and Revs. W. L. Cuninggim and B. H. Black left Tuesday morning, and Messrs. J. M. Lamb, J. J. Powers and Q. K. Nimocks left on Wednesday afternoon. Bishop Hendrix, of Kansas City, will preside over the sessions of the conference.

Meeting of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday, Chairman A. B. Williams presiding, Commissioners D. G. Blue and W. H. Downing present.

The report of the Auditing Committee appointed to audit the accounts of John B. Troy, treasurer, was submitted and ordered filed.

The clerk was ordered to request assessors of 71st to furnish the board with a statement of the value of 750 acres of land listed by A Carmichael.

A. A. McKethan and J. T. Bynum were appointed a committee to examine the school funds for 1897 and submit a report on the first Monday in January.

H. B. Downing granted a franchise to run a telephone line from Fayetteville to Cedar Creek.

The solvency of the bonds of the various county officers were passed upon and each adjudged sufficient and were accepted.

The following were drawn as jurors for the January criminal term of the court, which convenes January 2nd, 1900:

L. B. Hale, R. G. Jessup, John Bruner, Sr., J. W. Hollingsworth, Cross Creek; Hector Strickland, O. W. Simmons, L. A. Daughtry, A. M. West, Cedar Creek; R. C. Hawkins, E. J. Cook, 71st; R. R. House, W. F. Wade, Black River; A. A. McNeill, Little River; J. W. Edge, Grays Creek; T. A. Butler, Flea Hill; W. R. Parker, R. J. Byrd, Carvers Creek; L. D. Bennett, 71st.

J. M. Goddard was relieved of $38 taxes on account of loss of horse in a county bridge, the board, however, not recognizing his legal right to recover, but making this donation as an equitable allowance to him. Warren Carver for the same reason was allowed $10

Major Guthrie's Brother Dead.

A correspondent writing from Durham says that news has been received there of the death of Mr. Walter H. Guthrie, a brother of our former townsman, Maj. W. A. Guthrie, which occurred in the Philippines. His body was brought to San Francisco on one of the returning transports. He was a member of the Twelfth regiment United States regulars. The particulars of his death are not known.

HICKSON LUMBER COMPANY'S PLANT AND RANKIN'S NOVELTY WORKS DESTROYED.

Many Thousands Go Up In Smoke.

A few minutes before eleven o'clock yesterday a fire originating from the boiler spread like wild fire over the plant of the Hickson Lumber Company in southwest Fayetteville, and in less than an hour and a half, $8,000 worth of property was destroyed. The Lacy Manufacturing Co's big furniture plant adjoining was saved after hard work, and with the assistance of a favorable wind, as was also the big oil tank of the Standard Oil Company, not more than one hundred yards in the rear. The wind was blowing directly away from the tank, otherwise it would probably have exploded, and in any event burned, its flames enveloping everything inflammable within a great radius. As it was the fire covered an area of about an acre and a half. The scene of the conflagration being almost on the edge of the city limits the flames had made great headway when the Fire Department arrived, and then it took every piece of available hose, some 1400 feet, to reach from the nearest hydrant. The pressure, at first, was poor, but increased considerably after a time. The Company, thus handicapped, did valiant service, and confined the fire to the area it had already covered, saving the big dry house, where 30 000 feet of lumber was stored, and several piles of lumber, within the breath of the flames. A number of freight cars on the siding were early shifted out of harms reach.

The plant destroyed was the property of H. A. Rankin & Co., and was under lease to the Hickson Lumber Company. Besides the plant used by the latter company, Mr. Rankin's splendidly equipped Novelty Works plant was to tally destroyed with all its contents.

Rankin Company's loss is estimated at fully $6,000, with only $2 000 insurance, and the loss of the Hickson Lumber Company is estimated by Mr. Jno. F. Hickson, the manager, at fully $2,500, with $2 300 insurance.

CAPT. A. B. WILLIAMS'S RESIDENCE BURNED.

Hardly had the excitement over the fire of the big plaining factory subsided before the alarm again rang out, and as we go to press the handsome residence of Capt. A. B. Williams, on Gillespie street, one of the historic houses of Fayetteville, is still burning, though the flames are under control. It is a dismantled wreck, the roof having fallen in. The furniture badly damaged by water.

Lumber Bridge Locals.

Rev. Archibald McFadyen, of Clarkton, and Mr. J. A. McFadyen, of Raeford, spent Friday night with their sister, Mrs. M. B. McDonald.

One of our most popular young ladies, Miss Lulu McLeod, was married in Florence, S. C., Thanksgiving to Mr. Chas. Barringer, Mrs. Barringer arrived yesterday. Mr. Barringer and Dr. F. H. McLeod are expected today (Wednesday)

Miss Mattie Lee McIver, Gulf, N. C., on her way home from Red Springs Seminary, where she has been visiting her sister, stopped over to spend a day or two with her college friend, Miss Nelia Shaw.

Mrs. Dr. Stamps returned Saturday from Tarboro, where she had gone to be present at the marriage of Miss Hattie Howard to Mr. Geo. Holderness. Miss Pauline will return later.

The new officers of the L B L I are: Jno. D. Cobb, captain; J. W. Hall and Robt. A. McEachern, lieutenants.

K. of P. Last Night.

After the regular convention of Cumberland Lodge No. 5 K. of P. adjourned last night, Col. Cook, acting Master of Ceremonies, formed two classes for the spelling bee under the leadership of Dr. J. W. McNeill and Mr. T. J. Whitted respectively. After a short time, all but 3 in Mr. Whitted's class were stood aside and 7 in Dr. McNeill's class. The fun was great as the members failed to spell correctly and dismissed. The contest was not finished but will be resumed next Tuesday night.

Last night was the time for election of officers and resulted as follows:

T. J. Whitted—C. C.
R. D. Jones—V. C.
E. M. Downing—P.
J. W. McNeill—M. of W.
C. W. Elliott—M. of E.
H. O. Sedberry—M. of F.
W. C. Holland—K. of R. & S.
H. A. Bynum—M. at A.
R. F. Amos—I. G.
I. C. Bond—O. G.
Trustees—W. S. Cook, R. G. Haigh, Ralph Jessup.

Officers-elect will be installed the first Tuesday night in January.

A prominent gentleman of this city will have the first degree conferred on him next Tuesday night, and the brethren are looking forward to it with much pleasure, and when speaking of it always smile.

The Observer's splendid synopsis of the President's message, telegraphed to us yesterday afternoon and published three hours after its presentation to congress, has called forth many warm compliments, for which we are grateful.

$631,081,994 is Needed.

The Secretary of the Treasury estimates appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, as follows: The aggregate of the appropriations estimated for is $631,081, 994, an increase over the estimates for the present fiscal year of $38,033 616, and an increase over the appropriations for the present fiscal year of $34,235,024. Following is the recapitulation by departments of the estimates for next year.

Estimates for 1901: Legislative, $9,936 257; executive, $257,140; State Department, $2 133 278; Treasury Department, $162 171,442; War Department, $190.112 851, Navy Department, $76 469 690; Interior Department, $174,660 841; Postoffice Department, $14,581 685; Department of Agriculture, $4 306,257; Department of Labor $172,980; Department of Justice, $6,279,570; total, $631,081,994.

Supreme Court Decisions.

The Supreme Court handed down decisions in Bynum vs. Clark, affirmed, and Slocomb vs. City of Fayetteville, confirmed, on Wednesday. The latter case was to test the validity of the proposed issue of bonds by the city in the sum of $60,000 for the purchase of the present water system or building a new one, and $15,000 for the establishment of an electric light plant to light the streets, &c.

The Superior Court at the September term gave judgment declaring the bonds valid when issued. The plaintiff appealed, and now the Supreme Court affirms the lower court, declaring the bonds valid. The plaintiff sued for himself and all other tax-payers, and the lawyers say the decision is final, as every one who wished to contest the validity of the bonds had to seek relief in the action.

Mr. Jno. R. Tolar returned to New York last night.

Mr. J. Thornton Wilson and family, of New York, arrived here last night with the intention of spending part of the winter here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. H. Anderson, of New York, are expected here this afternoon, and will spend several weeks at the Misses Mallett's on Rowan street.

Local Briefs.

A telegram from Fonteol, Robeson county, this morning announced the critical illness of Mrs. Jane McKay, a sister of Mrs. J. A. McPherson.

Robbers entered the hide and junk store of Nevin McLaurin in upper Fayetteville last night and secured $30 worth of hides.

British were Mowed Down—Details of Modder River.

By cable to the Observer.

London, December 4.—Details of the Modder river fight show that the Guards in the face of eight thousand Boer rifles, finally crossed the river. The enemy occupied a strong position entrenched, his front extending five miles along the bank of the stream. He was well supplied with artillery and fought desperately. It is the opinion of the staff that there has never been such a sustained fire in the annals of the British army as that the troops had to face at Modder river. The British had no cover whatever and were simply mowed down. It seemed impossible to live through the terrible fire, but the brave fellows did not retreat an inch. The Boer fire was horribly accurate. They must have numbered ten thousand. The Highlanders made several attempts to force a passage of the river, but they were exposed to such a murderous enfilading fire that they retired after suffering terribly. Subsequently part of the Guards got over and held their own for hours against a vastly superior force.

Opening of Congress—Thirty New Senators.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec'r 4.—Large crowds filled each house of Congress. The Senate was called to order by President pro-tem Frye. Chaplain Milburn offered prayer. Thirty newly elected Senators were sworn in. Committees to wait on the President and on the House were appointed. Senator Sewell announced the death of the Vice-President, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

A resolution offered by Mr. Taylor in the House in the Roberts case, refers the question of his right to be sworn to a special committee of nine to be appointed by the Speaker. Roberts will not be sworn, but will occupy his seat until Wednesday, when such committee is to report.

The House vote for Speaker was as follows: Henderson, 177; Richardson, 153; Bell, 4; Newlands, 2. In the Senate Mr. Clark, of Montana, was sworn in.

The galleries of the House are overflowing, hundreds vainly seeking admission. Miss Ada Roberts, daughter of the Mormon representative, occupies a prominent seat. The House was called to order by Clerk McDowell. General Henderson was elected Speaker. The Democrats voted for Richardson. Representative Harmer, of Pennsylvania, the Father of the House, swore in Henderson. When the name of Mr. Roberts was reached, Mr. Taylor objected and offered the preamble and resolutions for the appointment of a committee, as already telegraphed.

SENATE.

The resolutions in regard to the late Vice-President passed.

The credentials of Quay were referred to the committee of Privileges and Elections, together with the resolutions of Senator Chandler. Quaw will be admitted on the appointment of the Governor.

Our Losses in Battle in Philippines Nearly 2,000.

By cable to the Observer.

Washington, December 4.—General Otis reports to the war department that the killed and wounded of all United States troops in the Philippines to August 1st, was nineteen hundred. Only four enlisted men are reported as captured in action. Three hundred and seventy-eight deserters are still at large.

A Postmaster held up and Shot.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Dec. 5.—Postmaster Fellows, of Scarsdale, was waylaid by a highwayman and shot while he was returning home late last night. He will die.

Aguinaldo.

By cable to the Observer.)

Hong Kong, Dec. 5.—Filipinos here in communication with Aguidaldo, say that he says he would come and give himself up now Dewey is away if Consul General Wildman receives him.

Senator Hayward Dead.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Nebraska City, Dec. 5th.—United States Senator Hayward, of Nebraska, died early this morning.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Flags are half masted in honor of Senator Hayward. Ex-Senator Allen will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

South African War News.

By cable to the Observer.

Durban, Dec. 5th.—The Boers are strongly fortifying the ranges between Colenso and Ladysmith, preparing for a desperate stand. They have mounted a new gun called "Franchise," which is constantly shelling the town. The British have only fifty rounds of ammunition for the naval guns.

Burned Alive By a Mob.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Maysville, Ky., Dec. 6—A mob of seven hundred burned murder Coleman alive today.

Big Snow Storm in Buffalo.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Buffalo, Dec. 6.—Early this morning nearly every line of the Buffalo street railway company was tied up by yesterday's snow storm. Mrs. Martin was found in the street unconscious, overcome by the storm.

Motorman Killed.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Ruthoford, N. J., Dec. 6—Clarence Smith, a motorman, was run over and killed by his car this morning. He fell over the dash board while the car was in motion.

Female Clerks Cannot Marry.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, December 6th.—First Assistant Postmaster General Heath has decided in the case of Mrs. Brown, of Modus, Conn., that when a female postoffice clerk marries she must resign from the service.

Secretary Gage's Report.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec 6th.—Secretary Gage reports that eighty-nine millions more were disbursed than taken in last year. The international revenue was two hundred and seventy-three millions, an increase of one hundred and two millions. Customs, two hundred and six millions, an increase of fifty-six millions. The military cost two hundred and twenty-nine millions. The navy sixty-three millions last year.

Hitting Ladysmith Hard.

By cable to the Observer.

London, December 6th.—A despatch from Ladysmith dated November 25th says: "The enemy has brought a third heavy gun into action, and as he has now ascertained our most vulnerable points the firing is becoming very effective. Rations have been reduced and there is some sickness."

NEWS FROM METHUEN'S ARMY,

A dispatch from Modder river, November 30th says: "General Methuen is gaining strength rapidly. He has seventy prisoners, who say the Boer generals are divided, and the Boers themselves discouraged. Mutual recriminations are rife.

Ladysmith, November 28th.—The Boers batteries are active but ineffective. They are probably covering a retrograde movement. The Boers were seen yesterday moving toward the Drakenburg mountains. Today others are noticed trekking to the northeast with wagons. Twenty-six guns now surround Ladysmith.

Kimberley, November 20.—The natives have informed Rhodes that they are keenly desirous of exhibiting him in a cage at Bloomfontein, prior to sending him to Pretoria.

The Southern's Order Against Cigarettes.

By telegraph to the Observer.(

Charlotte, N. C., Dec'r 6.—An order was issued by the Southern Railroad today forbidding its employes to smoke cigarettes while on duty.

The Molineux Case.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, December 6.—Molineux's cross examination of Heiles failed to shake his testimony that he wrote the letter at the dictation of Molineux to injure Harpster. The aim of the prosecution is to fix the responsibility of anonymous letters on Molineux.

Presidential Appointments.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec'r 6.—Gen. Wood has been promoted to Major-General of Volunteers. Heaton W. Harris, of Ohio, has been appointed consul at Mannheim, also a number of recess appointments are made.

News of Transports.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec'r 6.—Advices state that the transport Logan, with the forty first regiment, arrived at Manila to day. All are well. The transport Meade, with the forty third, has arrived at Port Said.

The "Plow-Boy Preacher," Rev. J. Kirkman, Belle Rive, Ill., says, "After suffering from Bronchial or lung trouble for ten years, I was cured by One Minute Cough Cure. It is all that is claimed for it and more." It cures coughs, colds, grippe and all throat and lung troubles.

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Hides—dry—per lb.	8@10
" —green—per lb.	5
Wool—washed	15@20
Bacon—hog round per lb	10
" —ham	11½@13
" —sides	8½@9
" —shoulders	8
Oats—32 lbs per bushel	45
Peas—clay	60
" —mixed	50
" —white,	55@60
Meal—bolted—46 lbs per bushel	52½@55
" —unbolted—46 lbs per bushel	50@55
Corn—old—56 lbs per bushel	50
Onions—select—per bushel	90
Lard—N. C.	8@9
Tallow	4
Ducks	20@25
Hens—per head	22½@25
Roosters—per head	18 a 20
Turkeys—per lb	7½
Guineas	none
Geese	25 a 30
Butter—choice yellow	20 a 25
Honey—strained—per lb	8@
Eggs,	16
Feathers—new	35 a 40
Potatoes—Irish—new	80a100
Potatoes—Sweet—new	35@40
Pork	5@6

Disastrous Blizzard.

By cable to the Observer.

Sante Fe., Mex., Dec. 6.—The hail reports from more of the country state that fifteen shepherds were killed in the blizzard in the mountains last week. The bodies of five have been recovered.

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NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In the Superior Court.
John Hall vs. Nora Hall } Notice of action.

The defendant will take notice:

That the plaintiff has commenced an action against her for divorce from the bonds of matrimony according to the demands of his complaint this day filed.

The defendant is commanded to appear at the next term of the Superior Court to be held for the County of Cumberland, at the Court House in Fayetteville, N. C., on the 2nd Monday before the first Monday in March, 1900, and plead, answer or demur to the complaint, or judgment will be had against her for the relief demanded therein.

Witness my hand and seal this 5th December, 1899. A. A. McKETHAN, Clerk S. C.
December 5-6w

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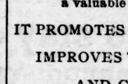

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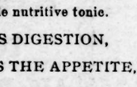

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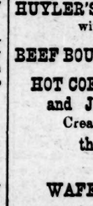

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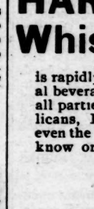

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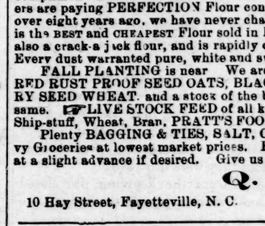

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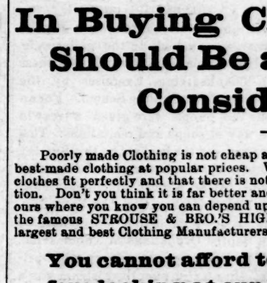

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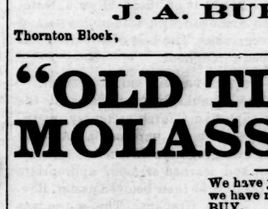

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Fatal Accident While Hunting.

Louis Godwin, a young colored man, son of Wiley Godwin, was killed near the Water Works Thursday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock by a gun shot wound accidentally inflicted.

Godwin and three other boys, John Adams, William Howell and Left Thomas, were out shooting, and at about noon the three last named boys appeared at Godwin's home and told his mother that Louis had killed himself by the accidental explosion of his gun about half a mile from there. A party of neighbors immediately went to the scene and found the young man dead, with a rifle ball through his shoulder. As Godwin's gun was loaded with shot, this excited suspicion, and the boys, on being questioned closely, said that young Adams, who had a rifle, gave Godwin his gun to hold while he went to find a dead bird and that in his absence Godwin tripped, exploding the rifle.

On account of these conflicting statements, coroner Caveness was summoned from Hope Mills and held an inquest Friday afternoon. The father of the dead boy, told an OBSERVER reporter Friday morning that so far as he knew and could learn, the boys were all on friendly terms.

LATER—CORONER'S VERDICT.

After the examination of five witnesses, and the report of the result of an autopsy, by Drs. J. Vance McGougan, Jno. MacRae, D. G. McKethan, and Dr. B. H. Henderson, (col.) the jury, which was composed of Messrs. W. C. Clark, H. I. McDuffie, Geo. A. O'Hanlon, Jack Gaster and E. D. Tyson, returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by a shot gun wound, inflicted by himself.

It seems that Adams handed Godwin his Winchester rifle to hold while he went into a swamp to search for a dead bird, and that in dragging the rifle along by the barrel, the trigger caught in a vine exploding the weapon.

News of Interest.

Gen. Methuen has sent Gen. Forester Walker a telegram urgently demanding reinforcements. A battery of artillery, a detachment of cavalry and two battalions of infantry hurried off to join him at Modder river. All told twenty six hundred were sent. So it doesn't look like Modder river was such a victory after all.

The War office has issued the first list of casualties of the fight at Modder River. Among the killed are two lieutenant colonels and a captain of the Cold Stream Guards. Among those reported seriously wounded is Count Gleichen, a major in the Grenadier Guards. He is the only son of Prince Victor of Hohenlohe Langenburg. The War Office also announces that Gen. Methuen was wounded in the Modder River fight. He was struck by a bullet in the thigh, making a flesh wound.

The University of Carolina defeated the University of Georgia in a cleverly contested game of football at Piedmont Park, Atlanta, Thursday by a score of five to nothing. The Carolinians made a touchdown in four and a half minutes after the ball was put in play in the first half, by a series of sturdy bucks and splendid gains made by Koehler, the right half-back, whose playing was the feature of the game. Five thousand people witnessed the game.

Miss McGougan, a student at the State Normal, died Thursday morning of typhoid fever. She was from Robeson county. Her mother was with her in her last hours. Miss McGougan is the seventh victim. Miss Fannie Turner, the matron at the Normal, who died Wednesday evening, of typhoid fever, had been ill about ten days. Miss Turner was from Hillsboro, and was the niece of Hon. Josiah Turner. She was twenty five years old.

Fighting in the Philippines.

By cable to the Observer.

Manila, December 1.—Gen. Hughes reports that the province of Iloilo is clear of rebels. He has been chasing the rebels hard. The insurgents have scattered and the Americans captured ten cannon. The troops are now proceeding to Capiz. The Twenty-sixth volunteer infantry is garrisoning several towns. It is expected that the entire island will soon be clear of rebels.

John I. Blair Dead.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, December 2nd.—John I. Blair, the railroad millionaire, died at Blairstown this morning, ninety-seven years of age.

To Use Wireless Telegraph.

By cable to the Observer.

Honolulu, December 2.—Contracts have been made for the connection of all the islands of the Hawaiian groupe with the Marconi system of wireless telegraph.

Attempt to Wreck a Train.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Omaha, Dec. 2.—There was an unsuccessful attempt to wreck the Colorado special on the Northwestern near Marshalltown today. Several arrests have been made.

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Thanksgiving Day at the Churches.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. L. Cuninggim preached the Thanksgiving sermon at Hay Street Methodist Church yesterday from the text found in 1st Theso. 5:18: "In Everything Give Thanks; for This is the Will of God in Christ Jesus Concerning you." The sermon was unique of its kind, was well delivered, and made a pleasing impression on the goodly number in attendance upon the services. The usual Thank Offering was taken, amounting to some $20, part of which goes to the Oxford Orphan Asylum and the remainder to the new Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh.

The music, under the direction of Mrs. Robeson, was inspiring and appropriate to the occasion.

AT ST. JOHN'S.

A large congregation of worshippers was in attendance on the services of this church yesterday. The church was profusely and very artistically decorated with the "fruits of the earth," evergreens and trailing vines. The altar was resplendent with beautiful flowers and brilliant lights; and the service was earnest and hearty throughout. The music was spirited and appropriate and was much enjoyed by the congregation. The Rector gave an interesting resume of the principal cause for especial thanksgiving in the nation and throughout all the world, not forgetting the many things of a local nature that furnish abundant cause in our midst for thanksgiving. He alluded to the thrift which is apparent even among those of the poorer classes, who in less encouraging times found it almost impossible to get along without frequent material help from the benevolent. The Rector spoke with much satisfaction of the success that had crowned the efforts of the congregation to pay off a debt of the church, which had been of some years standing.

The offerings placed on the altar amounted to $1,108 71.

After the services were concluded the offerings of fruits, vegetables, flour, bacon, meal, &c., that had been contributed and sent to the church were distributed among the persons for whom they were intended.

A pleasant thanksgiving day closed in amid much rejoicing throughout the Parish.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

At the Baptist church last night the house was packed, in the galleries as well as the main auditorium, to witness the Thanksgiving Exercises by the children of the Sunday School. For an hour the people were given a treat in the way of songs and recitations. This is pronounced the best yet by this Sunday School, which always gives something good. After a most touching recitation, "The Orphan Girl," by Vara Barden, a good collection was taken for the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

The decorations were very appropriate. In an arch over the rostrum was a turkey roosting on a pole—true to life. The products of the field were tastefully arranged with autumn leaves and evergreens. The best of attention was given throughout.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Thanksgiving services at the Presbyterian Church yesterday morning were most impressive. A very large congregation listened to an earnest and learned sermon, appropriate to the day, be their beloved paster, Rev. H. Tucker Graham. The music was exceptionally fine, even for this church's noted choir.

The Presbyterians, like the Methodists and Episcopalians, had especial cause for Thanksgiving yesterday besides the usual blessings, having but recently wiped out their entire debt with voluntary contributions, amounting to some twelve hundred dollars, giving with a spirit of such spontaneity and heartiness as to make yesterday a Thanksgiving Day of more than usual moment.

A generous collection goes to the Barium Springs Orphanage.

Women to be Employed.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, December 1.—Mrs. Lilly Devereux Blake says women will be employed as census enumerators and clerks. Many will apply for places.

Nine Hundred Passports Refused.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec'r 2.—Gustave Thielkuhl, recently a photographer in the patent office, presented the State department yesterday with a request for nine hundred passports. The men named are all denominated as engineers or laborers intended, according to Thielkuhl to work in the Transvaal mines. Wide publicity given to his sympathies with the Transvaal made the department more wary than usual and the request for the passports were denied.

Attended Joubert's Funeral.

By cable to the Observer.

Cape Town, December 2.—There are recurring substantial rumors that Gen. Joubert was killed near Ladysmith on November 10th. The Sun's correspondent has seen a letter written by a Boer at Pretoria to his wife in Cape Town, in which he stated he had just returned from Gen. Joubert's funeral.

The Grahamstown Journal publishes a letter from a correspondent with the Free State burghers at Ladysmith, in which he says: "You will have heard of Joubert's death before this. He was killed by a shell which ricocheted and hit him in the head. He expired soon after. I was standing within ten yards of him at the time."

Fiendish Work of Burglars.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Port Jervis, Dec'r 2.—An explosion awoke the residents of Hancock this morning. Burglars had blown the safe in Howard's drugstore and the building was wrecked. The Gould family above barely escaped with their lives. The two adjoining buildings were also burned. Aged Mrs. Tarbox was burned to death in a bed over a hardware store.

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Mr. Phil T. Jones, of Mixersville, Ind., writes:
"I had Eczema thirty years, and after a great deal of treatment my leg was so raw and sore that it gave me constant pain. It finally broke into a running sore, and began to spread and grow worse. For the past five or six years I have suffered untold agony and had given up all hope of ever being free from the disease, as I have been treated by some of the best physicians and have taken many blood medicines, all in vain. With little faith left I began to take S. S. S., and it apparently made the Eczema worse, but I knew that this was the way the remedy got rid of the poison. Continuing S. S. S., the sore healed up entirely, the skin became clear and smooth, and I was cured perfectly."

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Modder River Not an English Victory.

By cable to the Observer.

London, December 1.—General Methuen's urgent call for heavy reinforcements right on the heels of his report of the battle of Modder river, has convinced even the most optimistic experts that his three hard fights have so depleted his ranks that it is impossible for him to push ahead without reinforcements. It is deemed significant that Methuen didn't claim a victory. This with the fact that no list of casualties were sent has caused wide spread anxiety.

Methuen's silence is believed to be due to censorship, taken to mean that very important strategic movements are under way or else the news of a British reverse is held up. Before an advance can be made over Modder river it will have to be bridged, and the repairing of the railway will tax Methuen's resources, and experts say more men are needed in all directions

HILDYARD REACHES THE TUGELA.

A despatch to the Evening News from Capetown says that a force of Boers, in trying to blow up the five hundred foot bridge at Colenzo, were driven back by British artillery fire. The despatch indicates that Hildyard, advancing to the relief of Ladysmith, has overcome the difficulties spread in his path by the Boers at Frere and has reached the shore of the Tugela river.

ENORMOUS LOSS BY BRITISH AT MODDER RIVER.

New York, Dec. 1.—A Journal special from Pretoria via Lorenzo Marquez, says the British sustained enormous loss in the battle at Modder river. Gen. Conje was transferred from the Mafeking command to the force opposing Methuen. Commandant Suyman continues to invest Mafeking closely.

A KIMBERLEY SORTIE.

Lorenzo, Marquez, Nov. 27, (delayed) —The Boers at Kimberley report that on the 25 h the British in strong force made a sortie, accompanied by field pieces, and surprised Blombof, the commander. After sharp fighting, assistance arrived for the Boers and the Kimberley garrison retired, covered by a heavy fire. The Boers lost nine killed and seventeen wounded.

The British Loss at Modder River.

By cable to the Observer.

London, December 2.—The war office today gave out the official list of British losses at Modder River as 73 killed, 365 wounded. This comparatively small number created wide astonishment. The loss is about five per cent. Some military men are inclined to think the Boer losses are very heavy on account of Methuen's despatch that it was the bloodiest fight of the century. Methuen is rebuilding the bridge. Methuen's wound is slight. Reinforcements in large numbers are reaching him.

It is stated at the war office that despatches from Buller have been received but will not be issued to the press. It was incidentally mentioned that the rank and file casualties at Modder River have not yet been received. Nothing in regard to the forward movement in Natal received later than November 26th, when the Boers held both the railway and wagon bridge at Colenzo and were able to destroy them when they wished.

Saved the Boers from Annihilation?

By cable to the Observer.

Cape Town, Nov. 28th, (delayed) —Methuen's victories have made a great impression on the colonial Boers. There is no fear now of any more Cape Dutch joining the Boer army. The bad condition of the British cavalry horses alone prevented the complete annihilation of the Boers. There is a marked difference between British and Australian horses. The English horses suffered greatly on the voyage and when they reached here were suffering with swollen stiff joints. The Australian animals arrived in a serviceable condition.

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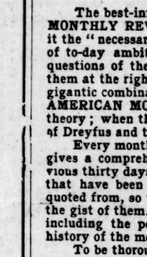

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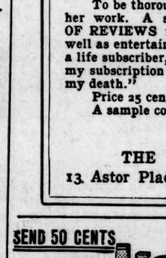

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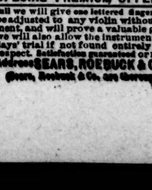

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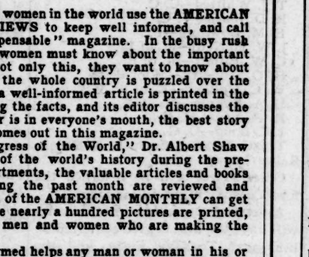

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Commissioner's Sale of Valuable Lands.

By virtue of an order this day made by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland county in a cau e entitled "H. McD. Robinson *vs.* W. J. McDiarm'd *et al.*", the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following described land on Lower Little River, Muddy Creek and Jumping Run, in Cumberland County, viz:

Beginning at the centre of Muddy Creek, in the middle of Darroch's bridge, and running S 74 E 5.50 chains to the old road; thence as it easterly 22 chains to a ditch; thence S 5 E 14 60 chains to Lower Little River, pine and cypress pointers just below the mouth of Muddy Creek; thence down the river about 16 50 chs to the Old Plank Road bridge place; thence N 37 E 12.75 chs to a stake at or near the corner of the Murchison land; thence S 74 E 16 80 chs to a stake and pointers at the new China Grove road; thence as it eastwardly 28 80 chs to a stake by the road; thence N 59 E 5.50 chs to a stake in an old field, two pines and sassafras pointers; thence N 12½ W 65 chs to a stake, two pines pointers; thence N 52 W 66 70 chs to a stake, one pine pointer; thence S 70 W about 127 chs to the centre of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad; thence down said railroad S 22 E 30 chs; thence N 76 E 4 30 chs to a stake and point rs near a spring; thence N 48 E 8 50 chs to a stake and pointers at Muddy Creek; thence down the various cours s of Muddy Creek to the beginning, in which boundaries there are about 1200 acres, and from which is excepted 60 acres owned by other parties and clearly defined, leaving 1200 acres, as per a survey made some years since by J Hector Smith; the said 1200 acres being generally known as 'Ardnave" or the old "McDiarmid Home" place.

On this tract is located one of the *best residences* in the count (10 rooms) and outhouses, stables, etc., and the land is of a high quality and well adapted to the cultivation of all kinds of crops. About 500 acres of the land is cleared. On the tract is a fine water power, where the Muddy Creek mill formerly stood. All persons desiring a good home would do well to examine this land. The title is perfect.

Time of sale, Monday, Decemb r 11th, 1899, at 12 o'clock M

Place of sale, Market House, Fayetteville, N. C.

Terms of sale,—One-fourth cash to be paid on day of sale and subject to confirmation, and balance at 6, 12 and 18 months from date of confirmation, with interest from date at 6 per cent until paid. Title reserved until last payment, or until approved security is given.

For further information apply to the undersigned.

H. McD. ROBINSON,
Commissioner.

This November 6th. 1899

SALE OF LAND.

NORTH CAROLINA—Cumberland Co.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court in Geo. W. Eason *et al vs.* Willie Eason *et al.*, I will sell on Saturday, the

23rd day of December, 1899,

at 12 o'clock M. at public auction for cash at the Market House in the city of Fayetteville, a tract of land, former y being to Wm E son, situate on the east side of the Cape Fear River, and is the same land conveyed by James D. Geddie to William Eason by deed of January 1, 1882, recorded i Book V, .o. 3, page 402 of the records of Cumberlandcounty, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stake N 15 E. 24½ chs. to a corner; thence S. 7. E. 20 chs. to a corner; thence S. 19 W. 24½ chs. to a corner in James Geddie's line; then with said James Gedd e's line to the beginning, containing 50 acres more or less T. T OATES, Commissioner.

November 22nd, 1899.

Administratrix Notice.

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of M. H. Hall, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me for payment on or before the 11th day of October, 1900. Otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby notified to make immediate settlement.

MELISSA C. HALL.
Administratrix.

October 11, 1899.

Administratrix Notice.

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Flora A. McPherson, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 22nd day of November, 1900 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to come forward and make immediate settlement.

ISABELLA McP. MONROE,
H. L. Cook, Attorney. Administratrix.

Administrator's Notice

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Cynthia A. McKethan, deced, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them, properly authenticated, to the undersigned, on or before the 28th day of November, 1900. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment

DANIEL McKETHAN,
Administrator of Cynthia A. McKethan,
Raeford, N. C.
Robinson & Shaw, Att'ys, Fayetteville.

Executor's Notice.

Having duly qualified as Executor upon the estate of Dr. W. C. McDuffie, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me for payment, duly authenticated, on or before the 4 h day of November, 1900. All perso s indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

N. E. BUNTING, Executor.
N. A. SINCLAIR, Attorney,
Nov. mber 4th, 1899.

Commissioners' Sale of Valuable Land.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In the
Cumberland Co. } Superior Court.

H. W. Lilly and R. T. Gray, executors of E J. Lilly, deceased, *versus* Thomas G. Hall and his wife Mary E. Hall.

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me by a decree of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, entered at Septe.nber Term, 18-9, in an action therein pending wherein H. W. Lilly and R. T. Gray, executors of E. J. Lilly, deceased, are plaintiffs and Thos G Hall and his wife Mary E Hall are d fendants, I will offer for sale at 12 o'clock M., on the 9th day of December, 1899, at public auction to the highest bidd r, for cash, at the Market House in the city of Fa etteville, the following described real estate, situated in Cumberland county: beginning at a stake on the east side of Piney Island, near the big swamp, thence through the big swamp N 73½ E 49 chains and 50 links to a stake; thence S 9 E 19 chains and 15 links to a lightwood stump near a pine point; thence N 82 E 28 chains and 35 links to a stake in John B Hair's line; thence S 10 E 21 chains and 50 links to a stake in the Barksdale line; thence S 80 W 64 chains to the mouth of a ditch at the causeway; thence N 78 W 12 chains and 84 links to a stake in the edge of Piney Island; thence N 11 W 31 chains and 5 links to the beginning, containing 229 acres more or less, being known as the Hall land. See Book I No. 4, page 394, office of Register of Deeds of Cumberland County.

Time of sale: December 9th, 1899, at 12 o'clock M.

Place of sale: Market House, Fayetteville, N. C.

Terms of sale: Cash.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1899.

JAMES C. MacRAE, Jr.,
Commissioner.

S. H. MacRae, Attorney.

Executrix Notice.

Having qualified as executrix upon the estate of Miss Ellen Sophia Mallett, notice is hereby given to all par ies having claims against said estate to present them on or before October 3rd, 1900. Persons indebted will please make payment.

LIZZIE E. MALLETT,
Executrix.
C. W. BROADFOOT,
Attorney.
October 3, 1899.

Administrator's Notice

Having this day duly qualified as administrator of the estate of J. O Williams, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to me duly authenticated on or before the 19th day of October, 1900, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby notified to come forward and settle imm